



MEDIA RELEASE

City Fire responds to a tree rescue





SANTA BARBARA, CA – 11/23/11

At 13:23 hrs Santa Barbara City Fire Engines 1, 3, Truck 1, the on duty Battalion Chief, and AMR paramedic's responds to a report of a man stuck in a tree located on the first block of E. Valerio.

While in route units learned that the man had been electrocuted while performing tree trimming work. The first on scene Engine Company reported the man to be conscious and approximately 30 feet in the air hanging upside down. The man's harness had begun to fail and was holding the victim by his ankles.

Acting quickly, firefighters attached a harness to the victim and lowered him to the ground using a 35foot ladder and a system of ropes at which point he received immediate medical attention. The patient had suffered severe electrical burns but remain conscious while in route to Cottage Hospital.

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